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SUBJECT: APPROACH TO GOC ON ADMITTING ADDITIONAL INDO-
CHINESE REFUGEES.

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. BASED ON THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND, YOU SHOULD
APPROACH THE GOC AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL AVAILABLE AND, AFTER
ACKNOWLEDGING CANADIAN COOPERATION IN RESETTLEMENT OF INDO-
CHINA REFUGEES, URGE CANADA TO MEET ITS ANNOUNCED TARGET
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FOR PERMANENT REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT BY ACCEPTING AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE AT LEAST 1,000 MORE REFUGEES FROM THE U.S. AND
250 FROM ABROAD. YOU SHOULD ALSO URGE THE GOC TO ACCEPT
SEVERAL THOUSAND BEYOND ITS ANNOUNCED TARGET IN LINE WITH

CANADA'S LONG HUMANITARIAN TRADITION IN REGARD TO REFUGEES. FINALLY, YOU MAY NOTE TO THE GOC THAT WE ARE MAKING SIMILAR DEMARCHES TO OTHER COUNTRIES TO HELP ATTAIN A FINAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES STILL STRANDED ABROAD.

2. BACKGROUND - WE HAVE NOT EXPERIENCED AS MUCH SUCCESS AS WE HAD ANTICIPATED IN PERSUADING THIRD COUNTRIES TO ACCEPT CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE REFUGEES FOR PERMANENT RESETTLE-

MENT. WE HAVE INFORMED CONGRESS THAT WE EXPECTED TO EVACUATE AS MANY AS 150,000 TO THE U.S. BUT PLANNED TO RESETTLE ONLY ABOUT 130,000 HERE ON A PERMANENT BASIS. WE EXPECTED OTHER COUNTRIES TO TAKE ABOUT 20,000 OUT OF THE U.S. SYSTEM. ACCORDING TO OUR FIGURES, HOWEVER, THIRD COUNTRIES TO DATE HAVE ACCEPTED ONLY ABOUT 6,000 REFUGEES OF WHOM CANADA HAS TAKEN 4,000. AS THESE 6,000 REFUGEES MOVE OUT OF THE U.S., WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MOVE IN OTHERS PREVIOUSLY STRANDED ABROAD, MOSTLY IN EAST ASIA, WHERE THEY ARE UNABLE TO BE PERMANENTLY RESETTLED.

3. AN ESTIMATED 13,000 STILL REMAIN STRANDED IN EAST ASIA AT THIS TIME, MOST OF THEM IN DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS. WE EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT SEVERAL THOUSAND OF THESE, BUT TO ACCEPT ALL OF THEM WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY EXCEED THE FIGURE OF ABOUT 130,000 WHICH WILL BE PERMANENTLY RESETTLED HERE. TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM OF REFUGEES STILL STRANDED ABROAD AND TERMINATE THE MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES INTO THE U.S., WE HOPE THAT THIRD COUNTRIES SUCH AS CANADA WILL EITHER ACCEPT THEM DIRECTLY OR ACCEPT MORE REFUGEES FROM THE U.S. SYSTEM, THUS ALLOWING US TO TAKE IN ADDITIONAL REFUGEES IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE AND STILL REMAIN UNDER THE 130,000 FIGURE.

4. THE CANADIAN POLICY ANNOUNCED MAY 1 IS TO ADMIT ALL RELATIVES OF CANADIAN RESIDENTS PLUS 2,000 MORE VIETNAMESE
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EVACUATED BY THE U.S. PLUS 1,000 MORE INDOCHINESE REFUGEES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES SUCH AS THOSE IN EAST ASIA. BY AUGUST 1, ACCORDING TO GOC FIGURES, CANADA HAD ADMITTED 3,900 RELATIVES FROM THE U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES PLUS ABOUT 1,000 NON-RELATIVES FROM THE U.S. SYSTEM, PLUS ABOUT 750 FROM THIRD COUNTRIES. THE CANADIANS HAVE BEEN AMONG THE MOST COOPERATIVE IN THIS EFFORT, AND WE HOPE THEY WILL MOVE SOON TO ADMIT 1,000 MORE FROM THE U.S. AND AT LEAST 250 FROM THIRD COUNTRIES TO MEET AND EVEN HOPEFULLY EXCEED THE TARGETS THE CANADIANS THEMSELVES ANNOUNCED.

5. THE GOC EMBASSY HERE HAS INFORMED US THAT THE GOC

NO LONGER EXPECTS TO MEET ITS EARLIER GOAL OF ADMITTING 2,000 "INDEPENDENT" REFUGEES FROM U.S. CAMPS BY SEPTEMBER 1, BUT WILL CONTINUE TO PROCESS REFUGEES AT FORT CHAFFEE (AFTER THE OTHER CAMPS ARE CLOSED) THROUGHOUT THE WINTER UNTIL THE 2,000 CEILING IS REACHED. WHILE WE APPRECIATE THIS REAFFIRMATION THAT CANADA WILL REACH ITS TARGET, WE HOPE THAT IT WILL EXPEDITE THIS PROCESS SINCE WE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THE REFUGEES OUT OF OUR CENTERS TO THIRD COUNTRIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE MIGHT ACCEPT MORE OF THOSE STILL STRANDED ABROAD.

6. FYI. WE RECOGNIZE THAT SOME ELEMENTS IN CANADA MAY STILL BE DISTURBED ABOUT OUR UNWILLINGNESS TO ADMIT GENERAL QUANG BUT HOPE THAT THIS WILL NOT AFFECT FULFILLMENT OF THE ORIGINAL GOC DECISION TO TAKE 2,000 NON-RELATIVE REFUGEES FROM THE U.S. MOREOVER, IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THE GOC HAS DONE WELL TO ACCEPT ALMOST ALL OF THE REFUGEES IN THE U.S. SYSTEM WHO HAVE SPECIFICALLY APPLIED TO GO TO CANADA. END FYI. NEVERTHELESS, WE HOPE THEY WILL, AT LEAST, TAKE THE REMAINING 1,000 AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO INSTRUCT OUR REFUGEE CENTERS TO ADVERTISE THE OPPORTUNITIES OF GOING TO CANADA IF THIS WOULD EXPEDITE THE PROCESS. KISSINGER

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